

What to Do in Event of Death in Ecuador

In the event of death of spouse in Ecuador, you will need to file documents with the U.S. Consulate, the Social Security Administration and, if applicable, with the Department of Veteran Affairs. (If death occurs in the U.S. will follow everything except notifying the U.S. Consulate). Deceased's social security number must appear on all documents attached.

If the death occurs in the home, you need to call 911 request ambulance and police. You will need to have a doctor come and declare the person dead, usually your family doctor. The ambulance does not remove the body. Need to contact a funeral home to come and take the body. The funeral home provides you with the Certificate of Death, INEC form that you take to a Notary to declare you have the authority to bury/cremate the body. The fee for me was \$31.97 for the Notary Certificate. Then you will receive, when the remains are delivered, the Cremation Certificate. You pay for the ashes when they are delivered. My cost for the cremation was \$850.00.

1. CRODA form (Consular Report of Death Abroad) will need following documents:

- Ecuadorian Death Certificate (**Libro de Defunciones**)
- INEC Form – cause of death issued by doctor
- Copy/scan of U.S. Passport and original, if possible
- Social Security Card or Social Security Number
- Copy of identification of next of kin – passport, etc.
- Funeral Home Certificate showing buried or cremated

Completed CRODA form can be filed online: acsquavaquil@state.gov

2. Notarized Escritura de Declaracion Juramentada – states that you have the authority to give permission for cremation

- Copy of Death Certificate

3. Social Security Administration Form SSA-1724-F4 – Claim for Amounts Due in Case of Deceased Beneficiary – sent via DHL to U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica

U.S. Embassy San Jose
Avenida O, Calle 120, Pavas, San Jose NA
Costa Rica

NOTE: If death occurs in U.S., social security checks deposited in U.S., then must send information to Office in U.S. Can contact the U.S. Consulate when they come to Ecuador to make sure where to send.

- Copy of all marriage certificates, death certificates of prior spouses and/or divorce decrees
- Bank information for direct deposit, if changing from U.S. to bank in Ecuador

4. IESS – IESS pays for cremation ONLY for the primary insured, not for any dependent. My expense was \$850

5. VA forms download from va.gov/pension/survivors-pension. Can fill out and do

attachments (pdfs or photos) on line, however, the site for out of country filings did not work so had to have mule mail form in U.S., DHL/FedEx do not deliver to P.O. Boxes. Forms should be mailed to:

**Department of Veteran Affairs
Claims Intake Center
P.O. Box 4444
Janesville, Wisconsin 53547-4444**

- **Deceased's Social Security number must be on all documents and you need to include a cover letter that states what you are sending.**

A. Application for Burial Benefits (21P-530EZ) – VA pays up to \$2000 reimbursement for burial expenses. Documents needed:

**Copy of Death Certificate
Copy of INEC Form
Copy of Bill for Cremation**

- **B. Application for D.I.C., Survivors Pension and/or Accrued Benefits (21P-534EZ) Documents needed:**

**Copy of Death Certificate
Copy of Cremation Certificate
Copy of INEC Form
Copy of Deceased's Passport
Copy of Surviving Spouse Passport
Copy of DD214
Copy of Marriage Certificate
Copy of previous marriage certificates, death certificates and/or divorce decree for deceased
Copy of previous marriage certificates, death certificates and/or divorce decree of surviving spouse
Copy of Survivors Social Security Income and/or other income being received**

Attached is a copy of the U.S. Consulate General Guayaquil Funeral Home List for the Guayaquil Consular District.

Funeraria y Camposanto Santa Ana

Administrator: Ing. Simon Toral

Oficinas Administrativas: Av.12 de Abril 2-05 y Arirumba Camposanto: Autopista Cuenca
Azogues – Via Santa Teresita.

Website: www.camposantosantaana.com

Email: wcastillo@camposantosantaana.com; dct@camposantosantaana.com;
pchuqui@camposantosantaana.com

Phone: 593 7-288-8393 / 7-4079050

Mobile: 593 998-98-0089 (Available 24/7)

English and Spanish

Funeraria el Cisne

Administrator: Lic. Gerardo Guanga

Address: Sucre 13-10 y Juan Montalvo

Phone: 593 7-283-4104 / 593 7-284-5883

Mobile: 593-999-85-5974 (Available 24/7)

Email: elcisneserviciosexequiales@hotmail.com

Spanish

Cuenca

Funeraria Memopaz

Administrator: Ab. Julio Cabrera Crespo

Phone: 593-7-288-7088 / 593-7-288-3808

Mobile: 593-994-36-0103 / 593-997-35-3535 (Available 24/7)

Address: Av. Loja 2-167 entre Tungurahua y Remigio Crespo

Website: www.memopaz.com

Email: gerencia@memopaz.com; asistir@memopaz.com; atencionalcliente@memopaz.com

English and Spanish

Funeraria San Marcos

Administrator: Gustavo Figueroa

Phone: 593-7-283-1335, 2839-419,

Mobile: 593-999-31-7194 / 593-993-24-7468 (Available 24/7)

Address: Alfonso Jerves y Calle Larga diagonal a la Iglesia de Todos los Santos

Email: fsanmarcosgerencia@hotmail.com; fsanmarcos@hotmail.com

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